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Maritimers Defeat Alberta In Debate on College Sport

Debate Against Easterners Characterized by Punctilious Observance and Careful Explanation of Exact Significance of Terms in Resolution

On the evening of Friday, February 17th, the debating team from the Universities of Dalhousie, Acadia and New Brunswick met and defeated the team from the University of Alberta in Convocation Hall.

The evening commenced with a short musical programme, following which the chairman, Dr. Alexander, made a short speech of welcome to the Maritimers. He pointed out that this was the first debate to be held here under the auspices of the N.F.C.U.S.

J. A. Anderson

The first speaker, representing Alberta on the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved that sport is carried to excess in Canadian University life," was J. Ansel Anderson. He re-stated the resolution, mentioning the fact that it was not so simple as it appeared, a fact which became rather evident later in the evening. According to Mr. Anderson the point lay in the meaning of the word "excess" and the affirmative meant to build up an equation upon this fact, and as mathematicians to solve for the unknow quantity, excess. "The word 'excess'," he said, "seems to mean that we have done wrong." He then went on to elucidate the main function of Canadian universities, a factor upon which the argument largely depended. This main function he explained as being the treatment of students in such a manner that they would, at a later time, be able to earn the maximum possible amount of money; the universities are to turn out professional men. "We are not arguing," he said, "that there should be no sport, but sport is being carried to excess when it interferes to any extent with the functions fo the universities."

E. Paul

Elbert Paul, of Acadia University, opened the case for the negative. He was surprised, he remarked, to hear the speaker for the affirmative arguing with such utter disregard of logic and fact. He re-read the resolution, and stated that as a direct means of handling it they had adopted the following: "By sport we of the negative take to mean the indulgence in athletics by students enrolled in Canadian universities." We must remember, he said, before we come to the conclusion that sport is carried to excess that the picture presented must be representative of the student life of twenty-three thousand university students enrolled in Canadian universities today. Facts show us that sport cannot be charged with creating the false standards which are said to exist in Canadian universities, nor can it be said to be a corrupting influence in those institutions. "Sport," he continued, "cannot be said to be uncontrolled in Canadian university life today." The aim of university life is now of such a nature that sport is necessary to its development, and in view of this it is important to remember that "there is a difference between what sport is and what sport does," for the mob spirit which cheer leaders are charged with inciting is nothing more or less than pure group-consciousness.

S. T. Fisher

Sidney T. Fisher, speaking second for Alberta, set himself up as "no philosopher, but a lover of accuracy," and as such attacked many of the arguments of the negative. It is important, he said, not to limit sport to athletics, for in a reliable book of reference sport is defined under ten headings and twenty-six sub-headings, therefore, as "Paul of old was wrecked on the shores of Melita, Paul of Acadia was wrecked on the shores of narrowness." "The chief object of Canadian students," he pointed out, "is to assure themselves of a sure economic future." Going into the wider field of sport which he had mentioned, Mr. Fisher cited dancing. This is evidently carried to excess when it is done to the detriment of studies, and as he observed, money wasted upon it which could be made to return profits a thousandfold if invested in texts on electro-chemistry or Roman Law. Music, dramatics and debating all came under the classificat of sports which might be carried to excess, while coffee clubs, house committees, necking parties and student self-government all might be cited as a waste of time. In conclusion, any form of sport which interferes with the chief function of Canadian universities might be said to be carried to excess.

H. Fulton

Hazen Fulton, of the University of New Brunswick, carried on the case for the negative. An important fact to be decided is the relation between participation in athletics and the academic standing of students. "Does the student who indulges in athletic activities," he asked, "turn in inferior academic work as compared with one who does not?" Evidently the reply in most cases seemed to be in the negative so that "while an individual may carry sport to an excess, sport has not been carried to a point of excess from the viewpoint of Canadian universities." The eligibility rules are on the whole closely adhered to, and so the student loses nothing in the way of academic work, and, indeed, by participation in athletics greatly increases his value as

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DEBATE MANAGER



J. R. TEVIOTDALE, Med '32

Who was in charge of arrangements for the Maritime Debate held last Friday under the auspices of the N.F.C.U.S.

WELL KNOWN GRADS MARRIED

Yesterday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Richards, 11716 Victoria Avenue, Edmonton, the marriage was solemnized of Miss Dorothy Richards, B.A. '23, and Mr. C. MacDonald Holmes, B.Sc. '27, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. U. Holmes of this city. Rev. D. E. Cameron, University Librarian, performed the ceremony. Miss Grace Parmelee, Arts '28, attended the bride, while Mr. Ted Day, LL.B. '25, was best man.

S.P.F.W.G.F.A.D.L.

In spite of the secrecy with which Wesley Oke and his committee are pursuing the early organization of the University's latest faculty and student society, it is definitely assured that complete details of the society will be available for next week. It has been stated that Ian S. Macdonald, President of the Swimming Club, is to be offered an executive position because of the similarity of the aims of that society with those of the new one, and the visit of Walter Herbert, B.A., LL.B., from Calgary has been unofficially explained as caused by part of the pre-organization work.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

DO YOU CONSIDER THAT CANADA OUGHT TO JOIN THE PAN-AMERICAN UNION?

Bob McKechnie, Med '31: Yes; such a step would promote international trade and good feeling with the South American states.

J. Strachan, Arts '30; Yes; our interests, economical, social and political, lie with the members of the Union.

W. Downs, Arts '30, Med '34: No; it would tend to bring Canada into too close relationship with the American republics, including the United States, instead of the British Empire.

Winifred Gilhooly, Arts '28: There is no doubt that the economic centre of the world is moving west, and I see no reason why Canada, whose interests are on this continent, should isolate herself.

Ross Donnelly, Arts '31: Yes; it would bring Canada into closer connection with the United States, which would be a very desirable step, advantageous to our welfare.

Peggy Roseborough, Arts '29: Certainly not, "Give me liberty or give me death."

G. W. Haythorne, Arts '30: Yes, by thus co-operating the American countries will be brought into a closer relationship, which will tend towards their mutual prosperity.

Elsie Young, Arts '29: No! We are playing in the Big League now. Why go back to the sticks?

Matt Halton, Arts '29: No; if Canada joins she will be forced in the interests of fair play to agree with the Latin countries in protest against American intervention in the affairs of smaller countries, and will thereby let herself in for the same kind of intervention.

The Proposed Change In Student Government

(Editor's Note: We present below an article on the proposed change in the form of student government, written by Mr. S. G. MacDonald, who was the mover of the resolution presented and tabled at Tuesday's Union meeting... The Gateway welcomes articles on this question for its next issue. Such articles must be handed in to The Gateway office before Monday noon, and must not be over 1,000 words in length.)

As a result of the amendment of Mr. Arthur Lessard in the recent Students' Union meeting, I wish to outline the causes that brought about the motion presented by me and some of the aspects which necessarily must be considered in the light of that motion in order that the student body may have a clearer view of the mooted question of student government in its present form.

Since the Students' Union meeting of October 26th last there have been at least four meetings called which have failed to materialize (a quorum not being present), due, in my opinion, to several causes:

(1) The students were not sufficiently interested in Student Union business.

(2) Those who were interested in a constructive way were not willing to sacrifice a little of their spare time for the Union as a whole.

(3) The growth of our student body in recent years, and as a result its natural unwieldiness.

(4) Disorganizing "Bolsheviks" and would-be office-seekers.

Several matters of extreme importance should have come up and been dealt with in those meetings; but due to this quality of disinterestedness opinions have found no voice except by means of "corner whisperings." As a result the Students' Council, which is a body elected from the Union, and whose functions are executive and not legislative, has found its hands tied. The legislative body is the Union, and under our present system any matter of policy or a

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MEDICAL BANQUET HELD LAST TUESDAY

Long Programme of Speeches Given to Graduating Students of Medicine

A banquet was held in honor of the graduating members of the Med Club in the Macdonald Hotel on Tuesday evening. The banquet was one of the largest ever held, one hundred and thirty-nine being present. The meeting was honoured by the presence of thirty members of the staff, including Dr. Tory, who gave a very fitting address.

The principal speaker of the evening was Dr. W. Merritt, of Calgary. In his reply to the toast he spoke of the opportunities of the practitioner to discover more facts in the field of medicine. He talked of the men who had laid the foundations of the work and stressed the research possibilities of general practice and the opportunity of each individual in such a line who realized the necessities of being on the lookout, as was Sir James Mackenzie. He classified the people with whom the practitioner came in contact with as the honest poor, the humble well-to-do, rich, and the ultra-rich.

A. C. MacGugan, giving the toast to the faculty, rehearsed the difficulties to the individual in the course of medicine, how these were surmounted, how the faculty was discovered ready and willing to help, and how finally the student was accepted on equal standing as a member of the profession.

In reply to this toast, Dean Rankin dwelt on the attempt of the faculty to give every assistance possible to the students to bring this about.

Dr. L. C. Conn delivered a toast to the graduating class, and was replied to by Mr. C. B. Smith. The topic was the sympathy existing between the faculty and those who had become a part of the high standard and general moral of those who had entered into the field of medicine.

The details of the menu were explained in the programme to the students by quotations from various text-books of medicine.

'31 SKATING PARTY

Due to the excellent spirit of Class '31 and the perfect weather of the last few days, the Frosh skating party and moccasin dance was an affair of the greatest possible success. All things combined to make this event exceed the hopes of its most enthusiastic well-wishers.

The order of events was six dances on the newly-flooded ice, several races on skates, and eight bands for skating. The boys' race, run off first in two heats, had many calamities, out of which Greiner, Scraba and Cushing emerged in the order given. Dot Sproule captured the girls' race, Keith Shearer the backwards race, and Ted McElhone and Jean Ballard the couples' race.

Supper, consisting of sandwiches, cakes and coffee, was served in the come-and-get-it style from the Little Tuck, and was eaten in little groups around the rink.

A PLEA FOR FAIR PLAY

EDITORIAL

It is generally admitted that if a student is deriving no benefit from his studies, or alleged studies, it is better for him that his energies should be directed to something more profitable. It is likewise recognized that members of the staff who come into contact with such an individual should be able to judge whether or not his efforts are likely to result in anything worth while. Therefore it is quite right that the University authorities should be able to prevent any student from suffering too long from delusions as to his proper goal. But surely such power should be exercised with the utmost care.

During the last week a number fo students were asked, on the recommendation of the Freshman Committee, to "withdraw." As an altternative to this dignified mode of exit, the said students were faced with the prospect of being thrown out on their respective ears, figuratively speaking.

With one exception they withdrew. The exception was not a first year student, and had received no intimation of even the probability of his enforced departure till the very day of the decree. And this happened when two-thirds of the academic year had passed.

We are told that every student attending the University costs the province a considerable sum yearly. This may be quite true, but it is hard to see how anything will be saved by action of this kind. The expulsion of a student two months before the finals will not result in the reduction of the teaching staff or the coal bill. If a student fails hopelessly in his exams in one year, it is doubtless a good reason for excluding him the next, or for putting him on probation until the end of the fall term. But if there is the smallest possibility of his getting by on the finals, what is to be gained by disqualifying him at this stage? Or what justification is there for allowing him to remain here so long, if his case is so plainly hopeless.

CLASSICISM ONE PHASE OF WRITING

Exchange Lecturer From Saskatchewan Sketches Growth of Classicism in France

Yesterday morning in Convocation Hall, Prof. J. A. Macdonald, of the University of Saskatchewan, delivered the third exchange lecture which has been held this term. Speaking on "The Rise of French Classicism," Professor Macdonald was given an attentive hearing by a large number of students and the faculty.

Dean Kerr introduced the speaker with a few appropriate words of welcome.

Professor Macdonald first pointed out the difficulty in choosing a subject for his talk which would be of universal interest. He had chanced however, upon an essay "Essential Characteristics of French Literature," and seeing the possibilities in this direction had probed the subject more deeply. He mentioned two of these characteristics—namely, the social trend of most French writings and the tendency of French writers to work in groups or "schools" rather than to stand alone. He had chosen, he said, to deal with only one of these schools, that of Classicism.

Period of Classicism

This school originated in the 16th century, being stimulated by the advance in learning in Italy, reached its peak in the 17th century, and was finally almost lost after a period of decline in the interim at the time of the Revolution. In 1549 a small group of literary men banded themselves together for the purpose of creating a French literature. To this end they turned for inspiration to the old classics, and they soon brought about an appreciation for the poet and his work. From among them came Ronsard, who was hailed as the greatest poet of his day. Montaigne followed with his new philosophy, which taught that the greatest happiness is to be obtained by the control of one's desires and passions to conform with the laws of the state. This did much to improve the affairs of state which had become enveloped in turmoil and led to a renewed desire for authority and control. Then the famous critic and writer, Meiret, appeared to reveal many of the inconsistencies of the period, and to place literature upon a more concise and commonsense basis than that instituted by Ronsard.

About the middle of the 17th century a noblewoman started her famous "Salon" which for about fifty years was the centre for learning and culture in France. Her sole aim was the advancement of culture and re-

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EXCHANGE LECTURER



PROFESSOR J. A. MacDONALD

Of the University of Saskatchewan, who addressed a large audience in Convocation Hall on Thursday on "The Rise of French Classicism."

CKUA PRESENTS A VARIED PROGRAM

Many Letters and Newspaper Editorial Show General Appreciation

The balanced type of programme broadcasted from CKUA, the University Radio Station, seems to be greatly appreciated. A heavy mail is received each week at the studio; some letters recently received were from Springfield, Mass., and Newark, N.J. One came from the San Juan Fox Islands, via Petersburg, Alaska, from old-timers who at one time resided in the Edmonton district. Three thousand bulletins, containing the schedule of lectures for the first six months of 1928, have been sent out in acknowledgment of letters.

In addition to these lectures, the best of music has been broadcasted, providing excellent and varied programmes. Much help has been received from musicians in the city; there have been more volunteers than can be accommodated. A regular CKUA trio and quartette have been formed; the University Radio Orchestra, composed of twenty pieces, under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Carmichael, broadcasts one concert a month, and a concert is also presented for CKUA once a month by the Edmonton Music Lovers' Club. The recent C.O.T.C. band concert met with such approval that arrangements have been made for another to be broadcasted from the Red Triangle Hut at the University Hospital on March 15.

Red Cross Set

A CKUA fund is being raised to install a receiving set in the new Junior Red Cross ward at the University Hospital; $250 has been subscribed already. Mr. Charles Fisher gave the fund a fine receiving set, for which a drawing was held. All who subscribed $5.00 or more to the fund were eligible to draw. The set was won by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Price, of Stony Plain.

Station CKUA broadcasts on Mondays and Thursdays. On Monday afternoon the recital by Mr. L. H. Nichols on the Memorial Organ is broadcasted; the evening hours are occupied by children's and young people's numbers, and after 8:15 p.m. by the regular studio programme—one lecture, music, plays, debates, and the weekly news bulletin. On Thursday, a woman's programme is

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MIDWINTER DANCE THIS EVENING

All Arrangements Made For Big Event Tonight by Senior Class

The dance the seniors are staging tonight in Athabasca Hall promises to be one of the best events of the Varsity year. Those in charge of the affair have worked hard all week to assure a fine time for all who attend. All the work in preparation for the dance is being done by the regular senior class executive under Laurence Piper.

Among the guests at the Midwinter Dance will be Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Egbert and Miss Egbert. Mrs. Egbert has kindly consented to act as one of the patronesses. The other patrons and patronesses are Dr. and Mrs. Tory, Dean and Mrs. Kerr, Dean and Mrs. Howes and Miss Dodd. Mrs. Rankin was to have been one of the patronesses also, but through illness is unfortunately unable to attend.

The dance will commence at nine o'clock, and will continue till one. Supper is being served in the gymnasium after the seventh dance. John Bowman and his Macdonald Hotel Orchestra will provide the music.

The executive of class '28 met at the home of the honourary president, Dean Howes, last Tuesday night to make the final arrangements for the dance. Those invited included Larry Piper, George Stanley, Fran MacMillan, Hep Aylesworth, Bill Auxier, Gwen Little and Bill Hobbs.

The executive regret that certain invitations addressed to seniors were apparently removed from the pigeon holes in the basement of the Arts building.

The Midwinter Dance is the last dance of the season to which non-students may be taken. The Midwinter last year was one of the best functions of its kind of the whole year, and the dance this year promises to be just as good or even better than last year's function.

Students' Union Holds First Meeting Since October 26

Assembly of Students Decide That Coach Be Paid $200 by Students' Union—Discuss Suggestions for a New Form of Student Government

At the Students' Union meeting held in Convocation Hall at 11:30 Tuesday morning two important decisions were reached. The first of these was that the sum of $200 should be paid the University rugby coach by the Students' Union. The second was that a resolution to the effect that a committee be formed to investigate a representative type of government and to report on it to the Union in a later session, be tabled and published in The Gateway with a statement of the reasons for which it was proposed and the considerations with which it would have to be approached.

The meeting was an important one, to which the Council had made special effort to get as large an attendance as possible. The importance of the subjects on the agenda was apparently realized by the students; for the meeting was of a record size. Since October this was the first Students' Union meeting in which a quorum could be assembled.

Payment of Coaches

The business of the meeting was begun by the rendering of a report on the question of payment of coaches, by Ross Gibson, the chairman of a committee appointed at the last meeting for the purpose of investigating that matter. The committee had inquired into the system of remuneration of coaches used in the universities of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, British Columbia, and in eastern Canadian universities.

The particular purpose of the investigation was as to whether the coach of the rugby team should be partly paid by the Students' Union or not. The advice of the committee, expressed in the form of a motion, was that $200 should be paid by the Union for this session. The motion was seconded by D. A. Hansen, and carried almost unanimously after a short debate.

New Scheme for Government

Opening the discussion on the second part of the agenda relating to the form of government, Shirley MacDonald suggested that a representative assembly take the place of the present Students' Union. After giving suggestions and arguments in relation to the problem, he moved that a committee of five be elected to inquire into the representative type of government and to bring in a report.

Speaking against this suggestion, S. T. Fisher said that this was the time for action. Something more, he demanded, must be done than to appoint a committee. The Council, in his opinion, should have had some definite, carefully drawn up plan ready to lay before the assembly. Since it had not, he felt that the Council deserved the censure of the Union.

Art Lessard, on the grounds that sufficient thought on the subject could not be given by a committee alone, and that the idea should be put before the student body as a whole, moved an amendment to the effect that the resolution moved by Shirley MacDonald be tabled and published in the next issue of The Gateway with the arguments for it and considerations about it put forward by the mover.

After this amendment was seconded, Bob Hill defended the Council against the attacks of Mr. Fisher. It was up to the meeting to decide as to whether the form of government be changed or not.

D. P. MacDonald, speaking against the amendment, pointed out that the student body had long been aware of the subject of the meeting, and that criticisms of the present system of student government and suggestions for a new one had already been appearing frequently in The Gateway. The Students' Council, moreover, could not present any suggestion of reform, as it would be thought to be the suggestion of a ruling clique.

Division took place shortly, and the amendment was carried by a considerable majority.

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ALL IS NOT LIGHT

We admit the difficulty of bringing sweet young girls just out of home and high school into the degenerating and corrupt atmosphere of the University; we admit that these girls must be safeguarded from the predatory male; we admit that the authorities are in part responsible to the parents of these young fair ones if one of them wanders off the straight and narrow path; and we admit, lastly, that the reputation of our University must be kept unblemished before the world. But nevertheless, we feel forced to ask, "In Heaven's name, is there no way of accomplishing the above laudable desires without having our women university students, the 'future leaders of the womankind of the realm,' educated women, women of common sense and good breeding, 'sign out' when they leave their residence, Pembina Hall, for no matter how short a time?"

We wonder if it is realized that two or three years ago a large percentage of these women left home and attended Normal School, and that while there they had absolute personal liberty—as they should have, of course. After their Normal course, they taught school for a year, or two years, or three years—and today, ladies and gentlemen, if they wish to leave Pembina to go to the Tuck, they must sign their names in a little book, with the time at which they leave, and when they return they must write the exact minute of returning.

These women, the future leaders of Alberta's womanhood, cannot be trusted in their motives for leaving Pembina! They must write the reason where one and all may read. Is it not obvious that this humiliating rule cannot be a deterrent to any girl who wishes to wander, and is nothing short of an insult to those who were trusted at home even before they left high school, and who would like to be accorded at least the minimum privilege of educated young ladies?

THOSE SILLY SENTIMENTS

We are frequently told in these days that national sentiment is an artificial thing, the creation of professional jingos and persons with economic axes to grind. National sentiment is only mentioned as an example, for the advocates of truth pure and undefiled are tirelessly and eternally impressing on us the fact that sentiment of any kind whatsoever is pure humbug, and a thing to be avoided. Of course this sounds delightfully disillusioned and sophisticated, and therefore it is a particularly proper attitude for students. The only trouble with it is that is is based on premises that are as false as the most enthusiastic bombast of the most blatant patriot.

There is nothing more real or natural or spontaneous than sentiment, which, like hope, springs eternal in the human breast, and will continue to do so with or without artificial stimulation. It is as real as a permanent wave, and much more enduring. It will develop, not only without encouragement, but in spite of strong opposition. We need not go far from home for proof of this statement. About twenty years ago the University of Alberta was founded, and it was decreed by the founders that it should develop harmoniously and free from sectional rivalries. Therefore no fraternal organizations were to be formed; students of the various faculties were to grow in beauty side by side; and all was to be brotherly love and sweet peace. This, in our humble opinion, was about the largest order since Knut issued instructions to the waves, and it was equally effective. The fathers of the University did their best, and, as we are informed on reliable authority, the best can do no more. The institution has grown according to the rules they laid down, at least as to its outward forms. "And now look at the place," as a certain famous cartoonist says. We need no fraternities. We have faculties.

Recently, at the little town of Willingdon, a couple of hundred Swedes from a construction gang attended an Ukrainian dance, and a fight ensued. Now there's nothing remarkable about that. In fact, if one of these celebrations goes off without some one being severely crowned, it does not fall within the category of social functions at which "a good time was had." But why should this number of Swedes engage in a pitched battle with a somewhat larger number of Russians? For the very best of reasons, namely, that they were Swedes and the others were Russians. If they had been philosophers, like us, they would have stopped and reflected that this was merely an accidental circumstance for which no one of them was personally responsible.

Some time ago we were privileged to listen to a private lecture by a very ardent pacifist. Having damned war and patriotism to his heart's content, he switched to another subject, and within five minutes was gleefully telling us how a friend of his had seized a Chinese waiter by the throat accompanying the act with the words, "Say 'sir' to me, you yellow———." The narrator, in spite of his pacifism, plainly considered this the proper procedure with Celestials. And the best of it was that it was British interference in China that had occasioned his anti-militarist oration.

Watch a game between two small town hockey teams anywhere in enlightened Western Canada. Usually the home town has no organized rooters club, and it is hard to see how any economic advantage is to be gained by victory. Yet the local fans will see nothing wrong in the tactics of their own team, provided they stop a little short of murder, and if the referee has the effrontery to penalize one of them, his action is not well received. No one takes the trouble to condemn small town patriotism or prejudice, or to say that it is a wicked device of the local elevator man or cattle buyer. It is only national sentiment that is the creation of scheming traders.

Consider the racial bigotry of a hen that has hatched out a brood of ducklings. She cares nothing about the freedom of the seas, but is not the less disturbed when the young ones takes to the water.

This, it may be said, is a statement of a very obvious fact in a quite unnecessarily large number of words. The only excuses offered are that a much larger number of words have been used in a vigorous attempt to prove that no such fact exists; and that in the last two or three years we have become very much fed up with the bunk of the anti-bunkist.

National sentiment is sometimes misused? So is uplift sentiment, and uplift is just as sentimental; so is sectarian sentiment, and every other sentiment. And they do exist, and will continue to exist even in the bosoms of the most purely rational men and groups of men; and while they exist they will cause a certain amount of trouble. Of course when humanity becomes perfectly rational, trouble will vanish, and with it all that is interesting in life.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The farcical futility of Tuesday's Union meeting is one of the best arguments for the proposed system of representative government. Gone are the days when intelligent action can be taken by the student body sitting in solemn conclave. The obvious solution is that the students should elect a representative council to carry on all student business with, possibly, a small executive to dispose of routine matters and purely "executive" affairs.

Two students, particularly, at the Union meeting, had the inexcusable sinfulness to honestly express strongly critical opinions. While disagreeing with these opinions, may we be permitted heartily to applaud these gentlemen on having the courage of their convictions. In this day and age and country, it is indeed a pleasure to find one or two people willing to express their true opinions, knowing full well when they do so that they will never be forgiven by many of those who think differently.



BY ROMEO

Ode to Spring

Mary had some little calves,
She also had a bear.
And while I've often seen her calves,
I regret to say that I have never had the opportunity of seeing her bear.

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Skirts are to cover the knee. The reason offered is that the knee is one of the ugliest joints in the body. Well, now, I have always considered the hip very graceful. Act on this suggestion, Parisians!

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Too bad, after years of progress, skirts diminishing annually, to dash our hopes to the ground by starting a retrogressive movement.

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Farm Hand Shoots Bull in Order to Save Owner and Bailiff—Heading from English newspaper.

Ah ha! The Americanization of England—even over there a good line goes a long way.

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Mayor Thompson is removing the stone lions from buildings, since the lion is the symbol of the British Empire. It is possible that he will replace Mutt as head of the Lion-Tamers Club.

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"Do you think a man should propose to a girl on his knees?"

"Well if he doesn't she should get off at once."

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He flunked in Latin, failed in French,
We heard him sadly hiss,
"I'd like to find the guy who said
That ignorance is bliss."

* * *

We have unearthed a Freshman who has distinct ideas about women, and here is his sage old advice—

Dont's For Freshettes
By Kiss Barman.

Now all ye Freshettes who would good seniors be,
Take heed to the lines which below here you see.
Don't go to the Mac on Saturday nights,
Don't worry and fret at the lack of bright lights;
Don't talk too much about him and his,
Don't say often, "I'll say it is";
Don't powder your nose in the public gaze
And don't go wild with this Charleston craze;
Don't display such a length of limb,
Don't dress on the street as though going to swim;
Don't say "golly" and don't say "gee",
When you hear something funny don't giggle tee-hee;
Don't say "ain't" and don't chew gum,
And then I'll say the millenium's come.

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Stude—"I want to buy a pencil."
Charlie—"Hard or soft?"
Stude—"Hard, it's for a stiff exam."

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Dean (to Frosh)—"Do you know who I am?"
Frosh (helpfully)—"No, I don't, but if you can remember your address I'll take you home."

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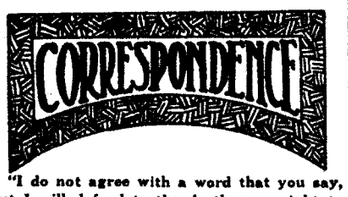
In view of the activities frequently carried on in Convocation Hall, it is suggested that the name be changed to Equivocation Hall.

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Jack Gerrie is cultivating the art of conversation with a House Ecker. It is rumored that by this means he is learning to cook lab. reports.

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"Hey, Joe, whatcha gonna do after yuh graduate?"
"I'm gonna teach."
"You can't be a teacher, you're too dumb!"
"I ain't gonna be a teacher—I'm gonna be a college professor."



"I do not agree with a word that you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."—Voltaire.

University of Alberta.
Editor, The Gateway.

Dear Sir,—With student elections coming up in a few weeks, you may possibly see fit to publish these comments on the problem of obtaining candidates for the various offices.

There are many unpleasant rewards for student officials, and one of the most serious of these is the attitude of many members of the faculty. May I say here, sir, that I am quite sure that this attitude is not the result of any deliberate unfairness; but the sad fact remains that many of the faculty are prejudiced against any student who tries to do his duty to the student body by accepting a responsible position. It seems to me that such students should be shown a little special consideration by their professors, or in the alternative, at least regarded the same as all their fellow students. At the present time the fact of their official positions is often held against them.

I do not propose to give specific examples in this letter, but there are many students who are acquainted with them, and what is more important than particular cases, are acquainted with the spirit of the thing.

ONE WHO HAS LEARNED.

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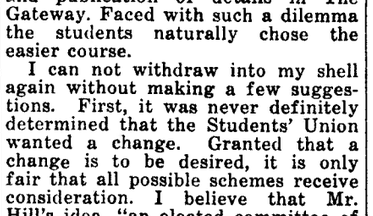
Dear Sir,—It is said "once bitten, twice shy," but nevertheless we were inveigled once more into attending a Students' Union meeting. This last was particularly disgusting. As usual, of course, the lawyers, the inter-varsity debaters and would-be luminaries demonstrated their agility of foot and mouthed made-to-order speeches at an indifferent audience. In addition, however, we were forced to listen to a barrage of senseless, sarcastic personalities and emissions of questionable wit.

It is indeed deplorable that the Students' Council evidences such lack of thought and management as it does. This last meeting, as everyone knows, was the first successful one (as far as attendance is concerned) in almost four months. Yet we accomplished practically nothing. True, we settled the question of paying the coach for his services rendered some five months ago, but we wasted fully half an hour over the question of student government. True enough, after four months we heard members of the Council admit they had decided there was something wrong with student government. A most remarkable discovery. Again we were informed that the Council had been unable to reach a unanimous decision in regard to a possible solution, and that three different proposed schemes were known to exist. Yet we were presented with a resolution aimed to consider a change as suggested by one of these schemes. Then an amendment was flung out which meant the tabling of the resolution and publication of details in The Gateway. Faced with such a dilemma the students naturally chose the easier course.

I can not withdraw into my shell again without making a few suggestions. First, it was never definitely determined that the Students' Union wanted a change. Granted that a change is to be desired, it is only fair that all possible schemes receive consideration. I believe that Mr. Hill's idea, "an elected committee of five neutral students," to be a good one. At the same time, I think all schemes should be published in The Gateway. Then the committee's proposal should be published at least one week before its presentation at a Union meeting. This would give the students an opportunity to vote intelligently and with precision.

But to return to the beginning. The Students' Union meeting Tuesday was a fizzle. We came, we saw, but we did nothing. Those who had an opinion about student government learned nothing to change it, and those who had no opinions were certainly not presented with any material wherewith to form one. Can anybody wonder that it takes four months to assemble a quorum when, after being sufficiently humored, we are forced to vote on some meaningless resolution so that we may answer the call of empty stomachs and forget our anger and disgust.

H. H. HUTTON.



Sasktachewan to Build a Rink

Saskatchewan University are building a rink similar in plan to that of Alberta's. The feature of the rink is the "roof construction"—and the seating capacity for 2,000 spectators. The project is to be financed by the student body of the University—an annual levy of $3.00 per student till the project is paid for.—The Sheaf.

Cancer to Be Investigated

A cancer institute may be formed. The plan for organization has been suggested by Dr. Leacock. The association shall exist in two parallel sections, one centred at McGill and one at the University of Montreal.—McGill Daily.

C.O.T.C. Discussion

The rights and wrongs of O.T.C. are being debated at U.B.C. A hot debate was fought in the Arts building on the subject, "Resolved that the formation of a C.O.T.C. contingent in this University is a retrogressive step."—The Ubyssey.

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CRITIQUES OF THE DEBATE

(Editor's Note.—We present herewith four critiques of the Maritime Debate held last Friday between the touring Maritime team and the University of Alberta. The Maritimers, Elbert Paul, Hazen Fulton and Ernest Howse, received the unanimous decision of the three judges. A popular vote of the audience was also taken and resulted in a majority of about 40 for the Maritime team. The subject was—"Resolved: That sport is carried to excess in Canadian university life." Alberta was represented by J. Ansel Anderson, Sidney T. Fisher and Ronald Martland.)

By D. E. Cameron

The Maritime Debate provided some good fun, and some good speaking and debating, but was on the whole distinctly disappointing. The debate seems to me to call for general remarks, rather than for detailed criticism. Pausing only to say that the judges gave the only possible verdict, I pass to observations that refer chiefly, but not exclusively, to the affirmative argument.

The Gateway's announcement of the arrival of a distinctive Canadian style of student debating was somewhat premature, and its promise that our men would be witty, cynical and coldly brilliant did not make their task any easier. The truth is that their debating was badly done; they would be the first to agree that we have still a great deal to learn. The University owes much to the men who have borne the heat of the day in debating, and it is everyone's duty to back them up and encourage them. Friendly criticism is one of the things that should help.

Several of our worst faults seem to me to be the result of taking too seriously what may have been essentially sound advice, designed to correct an over-heavy style. In our zeal for lightness, we have neglected the rifle for the button-stick, forgetting that no amount of glitter can ever make up for the lack of lead. We have forgotten that ornament, except within very narrow limits, may not be added to argument as decoration. It bears to argument the relation that good stick-handling bears to hockey. If a player can make brilliant passes, and shoot goals, while balancing himself on one toe and blowing kisses to the bleachers, the crowd will be entranced and edified. But there is nothing uplifting about a goalkeeper who balances his stick on the tip of his nose, and lets the puck go through between his legs.

Whence the superstitious veneration of technicalities, the reverent appeal to authority, the hushed awaiting for the revelation of a definition, that mark the solemnities of our student debate in these latter days? Whether or not sport is carried to excess in Canadian universities, reliance on verbal quibbles and quasi-legal definitions and limitations certainly is—with us, at least. I do not know what students of comparative religion would make of the cult of adoration of the technicality, but it plays hob with student debating. Why should a debate be wasted in vain argument as to what it is that is being argued about? Let our debaters stop trying to trip up one another's feet, and start in cleaving skulls with ideas. What we need, in more places than the debating rostrum, is the man who will trounce the word-splitters, and make the student mind safe for ideas.

For ideas alone can take a man where he wants to go in a debate. It is wonderful how gallantly any old spavined nag of an idea will lead the charge on the enemy guns, when the persuasive spur of student logic is artistically applied to its ribs. Our debaters must discard their theories of debating, renounce their technicalities, and learn to put their trust in the power of ideas. Even the poorest idea has some life in it, and can be ridden somewhere. But not even a student can ride anywhere on a skeleton charger, whose ghostly bones have been assembled from the boneyard of a dictionary, and articulated with the red tape of legalistic definition and limitation, even if they are charitably covered with the many-coloured blanket of student wit.

If ever a subject lay completely within the compass of student knowledge and student opinion, the subject of the Maritime Debate did. The debaters had the chance of their young lives to give us a display of the mixture of irresponsible wit, intimate knowledge, and pontifical judgment that the world fondly believes to characterize the student mind, and that makes the student, if not a thing of beauty, at least a joy for ever. But the debaters never saw the chance. Alberta frankly fled from the Common Room to the library, and took cover behind the big Oxford dictionary and the Britannica, calling loudly (and vainly) on their Baal, in the shape of a grotesque image of the purpose and aim of a university, to hear them. And the negative came on behind a screen of typewriting, conscripted from presidential and registrarial offices. And all this on a matter concerning student opinion on student affairs! The Common Room sold its birthright for a mess of quotage, and abdicated its jurisdiction for dubious technical advantage in debate. The only objections made to the positions occupied were made on technical grounds, and not one student objected to the tacit admission that six selected Canadian students were incompetent to decide what sport in a Canadian university meant, without leaning on a dictionary, and that six selected Canadian students needed to have their ideas about their own affairs created, guided, or confirmed, by the bloodless documents received from official sources. Since when have students felt it seemly that they should commend their ideas on their own affairs to their fellows, by a painful demonstration, in the style of a cross-word puzzle, that, vertically read, they coincide with the official opinion of a registrar, and, horizontally, are identical with section 42, sub-section 89, of the Oxford Dictionary? The six selected Canadian students, of whom three led forward, to confirm the feeble minds of their fellows, certain letters that were read, and of whom three failed to kick the letters from the house unwept, unhonoured and unsung, might reasonably be invited to wear six selected Canadian hair shirts through Lent.

But Lent would be over before they had time to hear from Mr. Beatty of the C.P.R. whether "hair" in this case might be interpreted to mean camels' hair.

By J. Friend Day

The affirmative of last Friday's debate laid down the proposition that one extension of the "sports carried to excess" in Canadian universities was that of "post-mortems". With this contention I agree, and trust that "excess" of this nature will not be reached in the present case.

While I know that some of my colleagues consider differently, I would say that I consider the subject of debate a most unsatisfactory one—lending itself as it does to that attitude beloved of our race, the consideration of our own immaculate virtues.

It has been implied that "definitions" of a subject are to be deplored, and that in this both sides (and especially the affirmative) were in error. To those who have followed the Press reports of our visitors in their tour across the continent, and have observed the skilful manner in which they—the negative—directed the discussions into channels decided by their (the negative) definition, it seems that the affirmative were well-advised to refuse to limit the word "sport", and to insist on a broader interpretation, even though the handling of that broader interpretation could have been made much more forceful.

It has been suggested, also, that there is a "generally accepted" meaning of the word "sport", and that the affirmative should have conformed to this in their argument. Again I disagree. If there is one place where loose terminology should not rule, it is a university, whether that institution be regarded (affirmative) as a place which exists to increase economic efficiency, or (negative) as the home of certain unnamed but potent cultural forces which lend themselves to the use of winged words in an attempted description of the indescribable.

Herein I agree wholly with the statement of Mr. Anderson, "It is not what you think; or I think; or even what the audience thinks—it is 'what is the actual meaning'." Many a debate has been won simply by the presentation of interpretations which ran counter to the "generally accepted" view.

I do not purpose in these columns to criticise our men for sins of omission or commission—we lost the decision, fairly, as was ruled by gentlemen of the highest qualifications. After due consideration, we agree with the decision without reservations. It should be apparent, however, that if our undergraduates, male and female, who have entered in any degree into the epidemic of "post-mortems" over the debate, will manifest a consistent interest in the Debating Society under its present method of operation, there will be developed in due time such an excellence in ready wit, masterly retort, subtle analysis, and destructive criticism that they will furnish debating material for future years which will avoid such errors as have been made this past week.

Debating ability may be inherited, but much more often it is cultivated—and such cultivation takes time. If there can be developed here within the next six or eight years a really "live" debating society, then those of the present generation who have worked very hard, will have reason to feel proud that they laid foundations for a worthy activity in their alma mater.

By Dr. John Macdonald

If to do were as easy as to know what were good to do, we are told on the second highest authority that the world would be a different sort of place. It is much easier to criticise a speech than it is to make one. If it were not so, there would be no lack of good public speakers. But making all allowances, it would be idle to pretend that Friday's debate reached a high standard. So far as the Alberta debaters are concerned, their attention should be directed to two things. First, what kind of impression do they think they are likely to produce on a grown-up and presumably intelligent audience by resorting to the dictionary for the meaning of an everyday term like "sport"? Surely the very worst place to go to for clarity of meaning! And people do not turn up to a debate with the Encyclopaedia under the arm. Why this mania for "defining", in any case? I suspect it is a legacy of high school debating. Or it may be, on the other hand, a case of "playing at lawyers," though the speakers seemed to take it themselves rather more seriously. Whatever the explanation, the effect was merely to render a good debate impossible, which is all the more regrettable in view of the fact that it would be difficult to imagine a more suitable subject for a student debate than the place of sport in university life.

Touching the question of wit and humour, a few things ought to be said. The only kind of wit and humour that is either witty or humorous is that which arises spontaneously and naturally in the course of the argument, not that which is obviously dragged in at whatsoever cost to the logic of the argument and the dignity of the proceedings generally. The Alberta team had the harder case to defend. There is a type of humour which is open to the side with the weak case. I refer to the Shavian way of arguing something nobody really believes with arguments the unsoundness of which is amply atoned for by their ingenuity and which are strung together with the compelling logic of Euclid. This kind of humour has its roots in the grey matter.

To come to a debate with a theory about different "styles" of debating and resolved that you are expected to represent a particular style, is a mistake. Equally fallacious is the notion that a certain Old Country Triumvirate that visited these parts some years ago was really on that occasion at all representative of full-dress debating in Old Country universities. Most regrettable of all is the failure to remember that many quips and jests (re co-education, for instance) which may be quite harmless and even humorous in the ordinary way of light conversation may, under the circumstances of a full-dress debate, come perilously close to mere puerility and bad taste.

One or two further points for the consideration of the Alberta speakers. If your opponents appear to you to have broken the "rules" of debating, that is a matter for the judges. In any case when you advance the claim that the negative is called upon to attack any position that the affirmative chooses to take up, you are yourself merely making a quibbling use of a "rule." Finally, if you had reason to expect that your opponents would draw a distinction between "excess" and "abuse", wait until they do so (Mr. Fisher please note).

So much for the Alberta team. With a quiet air of finality, unsmiling and terrible, Mr. Fulton of the opposing team unpocketed his collection of official opinions of presidents and registrars. And how devastatingly official they were! The logic of this kind of argument clearly offered a golden opportunity to the other side, but Mr. Martland, while properly unimpressed, failed to strike with a sure hand. The mere fact, however, that this argument was considered a trump card (or, for that matter if it offered at all) gives one food for thought. One side tells us what the dictionary says, the other side what registrars think. I was left with the distinct impression that we had been offered anything and everything except the one thing that would have been interesting—the students' own private convictions about the subject.

Finally, I am sure that I can confidently invite the three Alberta debaters to join me in congratulating Mr. Howse of the opposing team on his excellent debating speech. The statement of the main function of Canadian universities, to turn out more efficient knowledge-getting and money-making machines (a statement which surely calls for more support than the reiteration that it is "gloomy but true") was denounced by him for what we fear it is—a preposterous travesty, and Mr. Howse made the most of an opportunity which ought not to have been given. Congratulations also are due to Mr. Paul on his neat and effective rebuttal.

By One Of The Judges

In a moment of moral weakness, when agreeing to act as one of the three judges, I promised to contribute to The Gateway some criticism of this debate. In a rather more protracted period of mental aberration I completely forgot the promise, until recalled to it over the telephone by that member of The Gateway staff to whom it had been made. Unfortunately by that time I had destroyed the notes which I had found it necessary to make when I learned that, consultation of the judges together prior to the judgment being prohibited, my hope of simply "concurring" with my learned brothers could not be realized. I am, therefore, for this task, thrown back upon a very defective memory.

As judges our first difficulty was to ascertain the principles upon which we were to judge. Were we to consider manner, diction, form, etc., or only matter? To this rather obvious question we could get no sufficient answer. Such answers as we did extract were either unintelligible or self-contradictory. The only clear direction we received was one of which we stood in no need—that we should consider the respective merits, not of the two sides of the resolution in themselves, but of the presentations made in their support. Left to our own judgment we decided, while giving the greatest weight to the matter of the arguments, not entirely to ignore the other elements of form upon which even the best argument must depend for its full weight and effectiveness. Debate is more than argument. It is argument on a special occasion and for a special purpose. It is argument in the heat of current controversy. It must, therefore, be ready and spontaneous, keen-eyed as a lynx and as quick in the spring. It is argument to confute and persuade; and therefore all the adventitious aids of manner, diction, force and form are not merely camp followers, but first line troops.

Coming to the debate itself. We were not long in discovering that it resembled almost all other such debates in that it suffered from inadequacy in the definitieness of its principal term. For while the opposing sides were sufficiently agreed on the meaning of "excess", they were so far from being ad idem on that of "sport" that they never were during the debate in complete opposition.

The attempt of the negative to establish their interpretation of "sport" by a statement of Mr. Beatty's that in proposing the resolution he had by "sport" meant athletics, was of course quite out of place. What the author of a resolution has in his own mind as its meaning is at least as irrelevant to the interpretation of the resolution as is the meaning which the legislature may have in its mind to the interpretation of a statute. To make the author's meaning on that account the authoritative one would amount to ruling that however obviously wrong it was it must none the less be accepted; and, more, must be taken to have been so understood by everyone who read his proposition. This would imply, as one of our home debaters neatly put it, that they were mind readers. Equally improper was the attempt to use the letter referred to as having fixed by agreement of the debate authorities the meaning of the term, unless it had first been proved or admitted that such letter had been known to and accepted by the Alberta team; and that was not done and was in fact denied by that team. I might suggest that where such a condition arises in future debates, the greatest care should be exercised to see that all qualifying terms are within the knowledge of both teams. There was evidently some serious carelessness here.

While granting the irrelevancy of both letters, however, the fact remains that in the ordinary usage of the English language the meaning which would be attached to the term "sport" would be physical recreation of an athletic character; and, the Oxford or any other dictionary to the contrary notwithstanding, the term would not to the ordinary man suggest the mental recreations of cards or chess, or colloquing with members of the opposite sex, or even the physical recreations of eating ice-cream, or partaking in pink teas, or the sometimes no doubt more exacting physical recreation of "necking." A youth, however, devoted to such pastimes and assiduous in pursuing them, would hardly, on that account, be considered, even by one whose bibliolatry worshipped at the shrine of the Oxford dictionary, one of the "sporting men" of the university, or addicted to sports. In so far then as the argument of the affirmative was based on the inclusion of these practices in the term "sport", it was, in my opinion, misdirected. And when this element was eliminated little remained in the term beyond physical recreation of an athletic character. Indeed I suspect that it was the search for the dictionary meaning of the term, and the discovery of the width of that meaning, which seemed to open an inviting—a heaven-sent avenue of escape from a difficult proposition.

But even accepting the affirmative's definition of the term, I cannot see that any argument was adduced to prove that any of the forms of "sport" included within it were carried on to an excess in Canadian universities—that cards, or chess, or ice cream, or pink teas, or amatory colloquing, or necking were in fact carried on or consumed to an excess in any university, even our own. And on the other hand, some very good evidence was given by the negative side that university authorities generally recognized the possible danger of excess in sport in the ordinary sense and have taken practical measures against that danger; and further that the scholastic standing of university undergraduates who followed sport in this sense was quite as good as that of those who did not.

In dealing with the meaning of "excess", it is to be regretted that the affirmative should have so far debased the conception of the function of a university as to describe it as merely, or even mainly, intended to fit its alumni to make the greatest contribution to the economic progress of the world. Taking this position they inevitably exposed themselves to a well-merited and slashing attack from their opponents, whose happy use of Spencer's definition of education came in marked contrast to it, and who were able, further, I think, to convince their audience that even for the materialistic and utilitarian end of economic progress the physically trained man would probably be preferred by most business men as a money-maker, to the man who lacked such training. The affirmative admitted this and in essence retorted, "It is not sport we quarrel with, but excess in it?"; but they failed in fact to prove that there was any excess.

In truth the affirmative had the harder side. To prove it would involve a knowledge of the proportion sustained by sport to study in the majority of our Canadian universities. It would not suffice to prove an excess in one or two. The generality of the proposition required that it should be proved of at least a majority of the universities. And to prove it even of one would demand a knowledge of that proportion in the careers of a majority, or at least of a very substantial minority, of its undergraduate students.

As to other features of the debate our visitors were, in my opinion, in voice, ease of manner and diction somewhat better than our own team. While Fulton, their second speaker, was heavier in manner and less happy in some of his matter than any of the other speakers, Paul and Howse gave promise, in my judgment, of developing into debaters of first rate powers.

Errors of grammar occurred on both sides, e.g., "For you and I" in Anderson's first speech, and the wrong use of "or" for "nor" by one of our visitors.

There was a natural tendency on both sides to depend too much on carefully prepared argument and carefully committed diction, with the result of repetition when memory failed. This was especially noticeable in the speech of Fisher, and detracted from its effectiveness. Another tendency which had the same effect, was to give undue prominence to the summary of the argument. Only one speaker, I think, committed the unpardonable sin of concluding with the execrable "I thank you." I am thankful to say he was not one of our men, but Paul.

Criticism is a thankless task. It lays the critic open to the deserved retort "Try it yourself." I have only engaged in it because I promised to, and because both of my fellow judges were too cowardly to do it. One cannot expect finished debaters without practice and plenty of it. More of it probably than our men get. Using the term in the wide sense championed by our team, this at least is a form of sport which has not yet been carried to excess in our universities. Yet if I may safely depend upon not too reliable memory, I should say that our home team in this last debate were, if anything, better than those who represented us against the Oxford team some years ago. This is but a memory and an opinion; and like the rest of this criticism may seem to many but a poor thing.

THE ROAD HOG

By N.

Hello, Ed. Jump in. Fine morning for driving. Hope the streets aren't crowded. Place is full of road hogs these days. Can't go out but you're pushed off the street. Ha, look at that chap! Just escaped by the skin of his teeth! He won't jaywalk again in a hurry. Great sport making fellows like him jump. Seem to think they should be watched for by motorists. There's a chap with a bent fender. I bent one for a fellow the other day. Wouldn't get out of my way. He was crawling along at fifteen an hour, so I woke him up. Nope; didn't hurt my car a bit. What's that? Oh well, he should watch himself. Government shouldn't allow people to hold up traffic. Hey, guy, take your crystal set off the street! As I was saying, Ed—look at him! He may have the right of way, but he's too slow. Would, would you? You got to be fast to beat me, mister. Yeah, an ambulance tried to pass me yesterday. He was sure going, too. I made him slow down, though. No reason for them to have special privileges. We're all taxpayers. This fellow in front is too slow. I'll speed up a bit. Now how should I know he was going to stop for that street car? What's that, officer? Why, I was only going fifteen an hour! Ask Ed here. You bet I'll tell it to the judge, and you'll be hearing something, too! You cops are too darned officious! All right, all right, gimme a ticket. Well, so long, Ed. Never mind, they've got nothing on me!

CAMPUS TWEEDLEDUMS

From "The New Student"

Some aspects of campus political life are not very different from the professional variety, the editor of the University of Washington Daily probably decided after reading the statements of candidates for student offices. After granting all aspirants space for publishing platforms, the editor decided that:

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The infantile paralysis situation on the campus at Stanford University has been some cause for anxiety. The disease has attacked the women students. Seven cases are in the isolation.—McGill Daily.

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Next Week Last Chance to Hand in Names—May Not Be a Tournament

March the fourteenth is not in the far distant future! And do you realize that on that date the annual Boxing and Wrestling Tournament is scheduled to take place? Proper training cannot be done in a short time; and those who have not trained thus far will find their chances of lasting three rounds rather slim.

However, a tournament can be held, provided that a little life and enthusiasm is shown at once. The way to do this is to let Gavin Begg, Captain of Boxing and Wrestling, have your name early next week. As is obvious, many careful arrangements have to be made, judges procured, equipment repaired or purchased—in short, all the very necessary arrangements for any such tournament. By the look of things at present—the unused mat—the idle gloves—such arrangements, if made this year, will simply be a waste of energy and time. Hence, the captain is resolved that unless he receives a goodly show of names next week, he will not stage a tournament this year.

Not only will this be a decided black-eye for the sport records, but it will create a precedent unpleasant to look back upon in future years. Hence, let this article be taken as an ultimatum. One more week is left in which to register your interest. If you haven't any, that settles it—March the fourteenth will pass just like all other days, where the Boxing and Wrestling Club is concerned.

Alberta's Frost Fairies



SENIOR HOCKEY TEAM

Above, you see the snappy team that will match its ice lore with that of the Manitoba young ladies, Monday next at the Varsity Rink. They are, from left to right: Dot Sproule, Kay Burgess (Captain), Kae Craig, Helen Higgs, Fran MacMillan, Kae Campbell, Betty Mahaffy, Mary Scoffield, Cal Ross.

Frosh Class Carries Off Interyear Swimming Meet

Ian Macdonald Wins Championship for Third Successive Year—Jim Thom Runner-up—Increase in Fair Participants—Miss McConkey Ladies' Champion

Perhaps the two outstanding features of the annual Swimming Meet last night were the large increase in the number of girls participating and the fine showing of the Freshman Class. With such boys as Kinnear, Thom, Anderson, Dickson, and with such girls as Dolly McLeod, Ruth Robertson, and Margaret Crang, the youngsters made a big splash. Indeed they splashed so hard they washed the proud seniors off the map altogether to take the championship. Moreover, a finny Frosh by name Jim Thom, gave the redoubtable Ian S. Macdonald a hard run for individual honours. And that's saying something for the Freshmen! For the girls, Miss McConkey, who holds provincial championships, was easily individual victor. But there again, the first year was well represented, and the Freshettes held up their end nobly.

Two Dead Heats

Most of the races were very keenly contested. Two contests, indeed, ended in dead heats which had to be run off. The more spectacular of these was the men's breast stroke, in which MacDonald and Dickson were caught at the same time for second place. In the final tussle Dickson won by a hair when he did the length of the pool in 15 seconds to Ian's 15 1-10 seconds. It was a tough race to lose, but youth will be served.

The old fixture, the inter-year relay race, developed into a very amusing spectacle, when McKechnie and MacDonald for the seniors dared all comers to beat them with four men. The Freshies responded, but even they were short one man. And so there ensued a three man versus two contest, with the young 'uns as final victors, after much swimming and running to the other end and swimming again. The two senior men excelled in their mixed water and land tactics, but were unable to overcome the handicap.

The results follow:

Men's 50 yards, free style: 1, McKechnie; 2, Kinnear; 3, MacDonald. Time, :28.

Ladies' 20 yards, free style: 1, Miss Esdale; 2, Miss McConkey; 3, Miss Henry.

Ladies' long plunge: 1, Miss McConkey; 2, Miss Henry; 3, Miss Robertson. Distance, 47ft. 10in.

Men's 100 yards, free style: 1, Ian MacDonald; 2, Anderson; 3, Donald. Time, 1:12.

Ladies' 50 yards, free style: 1, Miss McConkey; 2, Miss Esdale; 3, Miss Henry. Time, :36.

Men's 20 yards back stroke: 1, McKechnie; 2, Thom; 3, MacDonald. Time, :12 2-5.

Ladies' fancy diving: 1, Dolly McLeod; 2, Ruth Robertson; 3, Miss McConkey.

Men's 220 yards, free style;1, MacDonald; 2, Thom.

Ladies' 20 yards breast stroke: 1, Miss McConkey; 2, Miss Esdale. Time, :19.

Men's fancy diving: 1, Thom; 2, Kinnear.

Men's 20 yards breast stroke: 1, Dickson; 2, MacDonald; 3, Anderson. Time, :15.

Men's plunging for distance: 1, Thom; 2, MacDonald. Distance, 41ft. 3in.

Men's relay race: 1, Freshmen—Thom, Kinnear, Anderson; 2, Seniors—MacDonald, McKechnie.

SPORTING SLANTS

Wow! Did you ever see such crowds!" No wonder "Cece" Edwards sings in the law library. Looks very much as though we'll see another big game soon between the Leafs and Canmore—for the provincial championship.

Duggan Cup series next week—remember your achievement last year, gang, and let's see it repeated.

Combination's your only hope, though. See what the Leafs did to the Kernels' solo rushes the other night.

That's much better, girls! Your combination is still weak, but your shooting and back-checking are greatly improved—you can win next Monday.

As human fish, the Freshmen take the bait, all right! 'Tis a good sign, for we are assured of good material for several years to come. Chances are bright for beating Saskatchewan on the third.

MANITOBA HERE MONDAY, FEB. 27

U. of M. Girls Have Snappy Line-up—Varsity Stands Good Chance to Win

On the Varsity ice oval, Monday, February 27th, the snappiest (yes, both in hockey and looks) bevy of frost-defying co-eds that ever pursued a puck, will meet the jaded eyes of Alberta college men. No fooling, boys! We have it on good authority that the Manitoba girls are positive knock-outs! Thus, they are fitted to match our fair representatives in every way. That old puck certainly will dance a merry jig when it receives the (more or less) affectionate attention of twelve sporty young ice amazons next Monday. Come on, gang! Borrow the money and dig up a skirt, and let's make the crowd last Wednesday look like a church congregation!

The Invaders

Edith Thompson: Goal, replaced Margaret Vaut of last year; star goalie of Interfac League.

Bessie Pickersgill: Defence, a pretty stick-handler, steady checker; one of last year's high scorers—she sure knows her onions.

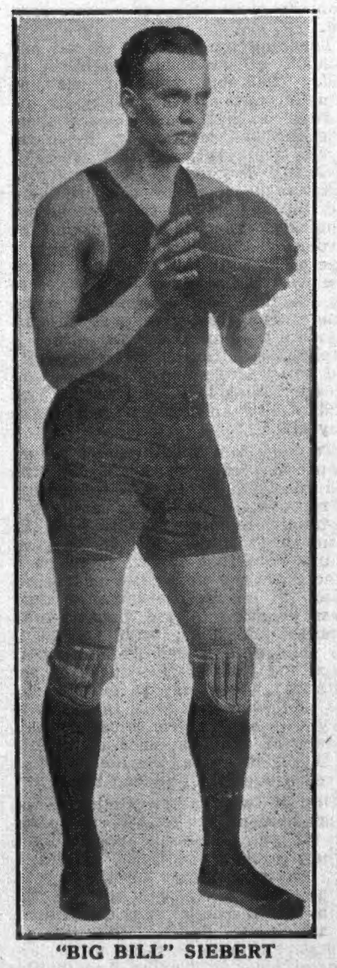
Lila Unkauf: Defence, interfac star; her first trial in senior company; she and Bettie can mow them down persistently and in style.

Mona Best: Center; second year with team, promoted from sub line, and a trusty cog; has plenty of weight, is a snappy skater and a good shot.

Dot Stevenson: The pick of the team; responsible for Alberta's defeat last year; as fast as a boy, the

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HOOP GUARD



"BIG BILL" SIEBERT

Bill Siebert, Dent 4, is left guard on the senior basketball team. This is his first year with the seniors, but he won notice last year by his work in the House League. He has improved rapidly since joining the first team, and now provides "Obee" with an admirable team-mate. Bill is a heavy and dependable checker, and disaster overtakes any who try to use body tactics on him. For his initial season Bill's work is certainly deserving of praise. Come out and watch him next game!

Y.M.C.A. Defeats Varsity To Lead in Hoop Playoffs

Varsity Loses Lead in Second Period—"Y" Works Better Team Play—Final Score 29-20—Varsity Must Win Next Two Games—Next Game Saturday

The Varsity seniors dropped an important game Wednesday night at the "Y" by a score of 29-20. It was an exciting game, but rather disappointing in the final result. Varsity led 15-9 at half time. The "Y" boys came back strong in the second half and deserved their win. The Varsity offensive lacked system, whereas the Y boys used rapid combination and worked up the floor with ease. The Green and Gold team evidently lacks condition as they weakened noticeably in the second half. Pullishy and Hickenbotham were the bright lights for the Y, while Brynildson, Shandro and Husband were the high scorers for Varsity. The intellectuals are now backed against the wall, and must win the next two games to cop the series.

A Hopeful Start

Varsity controlled the play for first few minutes and soon had an 8-0 lead. Play evened up, however, and the Y began to cut down their lead. The Green and Gold squad were penalized freely, and many of the Y's scores came as a result of penalty shots. The Varsity men were off their aim, and missed several chances on the penalties granted them. The scores at half time read: Varsity 15, Y.M.C.A. 9.

Lead is Reversed

The second half told a different story. Using short, snappy passes, the Y boys worked under the basket time and time again for fruitful shots. Varsity's lead was rapidly cut down, and the Y forged out in front. The Y defence held solid, and what shots Varsity had went wide. Brynildson was good at the start, but didn't stand the pace; Shandro was hurt and replaced by Donaldson. Varsity rallied and made things hot around the enemy hoop for a minute or two, but lacked the necessary edge, so the Y gang drew away again. Final score, 29-20.

The lineups:

Y.M.C.A. — Pullishy, Hickenbotham, Cathers, Martell, Richards, Perring, Johnson.

Varsity—Shandro (5), Husband (4), Brynildson (7), O'Brien (1), Donaldson (1), Siebert (2), Miller, Little.

VARSITY WILL DEFEND TROPHY

Duggan Challenge Cup at Stake—Five Teams in League—Next Week

Can history repeat itself? We'll say it can! And if you saunter up to "Coops," "Pal" or "D.P.", and offer an opinion to the contrary, 'twill take more than Stan Stevens to referee the resulting fracas.

In order to retain the Duggan Cup, emblematic of the Edmonton city championship, Varsity must win every game, viz., four. The league is an annual "knockout" competition, wherein the first defeat eliminates a team. These are five in number, not including the Superiors, who have turned their activities into other fields. The draw will be made at the end of the week, and immediately, a schedule will be announced. The games will all be played on the Varsity rink, and will follow in quick succession.

Now then, fans! To return to the question of history. Last year the Green and Gold was at this time on the bottom step of the league, even as she is now. The wise lads with loose cash overtown couldn't find any takers on our boys. . . . Much were they astonished to find Varsity holding the cup at the end of the series. Varsity yet has something to fight for this season, and we are pretty confident that she will not receive a K.O. in the first round of the new league. Come and watch!

INTERFACULTY HOCKEY

In a hard-fought battle Wednesday the Med-Dents managed to tie the scintillating Arts-Law men in the last few minutes of exciting play.

The Ag-Sci's proved by swamping Com-Pharm, 3 to 1, that although initial hard luck has shut them out of the play-offs, they can step with the best of them.

The play-off for second place will be played on Saturday between Com-Pharm and Med-Dents. The winners will meet the league leading Arts-Law crew next week.

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A Solon Answers

By Jaw

Poor old companionate, companionable, what you will, marriage. It sure leads a tough life around these here halls now, especially when a Solon meets a, what shall I call him, a super-Solon, and the question is dragged out once more. To continue a discussion already worn out seems a bit thick, but I have to, I'm told; so here goes.

In the first place, I say every marriage is companionate. The trouble seems to be that the word companion, through having three extra letters at the end, has startled everyone almost as though they'd suddenly wakened up with a skeleton in bed with them. As long as they were asleep everything was O.K., but now, wow! What is any marriage, anyway, but companionate. We marry a companion from the opposite sex. In seventy-five per cent. of the marriages of today the couple agree, for diverse reasons, to have no children for awhile. Sometimes, work or no work, faith of our fathers (which fathers?) or no faith, age or no age, they each hurl a dishpan at the other and bust apart. Married life, of course. But, when someone ventures to call it companionate marriage, at once we see that it is ridiculous, puppy lovish, nincompoopish, or what have you.

After all, our fathers had this marriage proposition down cold. They considered and thought about it, and got married at, usually, about seventeen or eighteen. (Ask your grandmother how old she was when she was married—mine was sixteen.) The others that put off the evil day waiting for more experience came west, and the crop of breeds we see today are presumably the results of their larger experiences.

The reason, of course, that we can't have companionate marriage is because, why just imagine! Everyone would immediately get married Monday, separate Wednesday, re-marry Friday and rest up on Sunday. A pretty state of affairs. The possibility that people on the whole are fairly rational, that you and I who would do these things have any sense, doesn't enter into it at all. Of course, I know we wouldn't, you and I, but imagine what the common herd would do. Just think!

To drag our fathers into it again. After they came west, and had their experience, then things were fine. They used their surplus energy and chopped and span and shot a few Indians possibly, and in short, were so busy that it would take two people to imagine just how busy they were. Of course they didn't have time to think about such things, and yet we have heard of them getting married and even separating again. I put those separations, when the marriages were made under such ideal conditions, down to the influence of the wooden bucket (some bucket) out of which they got the kick we do from a gin bottle. (Again, some bucket.)

To say one thing more (which supposes I've already said something), I believe morality depends, not on our marriage laws, not on how hard we work, or how hard we forget to think, but on the amount of common horse-sense we have, aided and abetted with education. The lower the scale mentally, the greater the moral laxity, my observation and reading tell me; and when, for example, you tell me I can't carry a gun because last week a man was shot in Sweden, I'm inclined to tell you to remove yourself at your earliest convenience to the hottest and darkest and farthest corner of—well, what would you have me say, anyway?

Just exactly how the gun proposition bears on the argument in hand isn't quite clear to me just now, but that's due to my wooden gin bottle, I figure, and I hope wou'll see the connection even if I can't. Anyway, me for marriage—step up, ladies—and although it will necessarily be companionate — because, you see, I'm broke—I'm willing to take a chance on my stability, being satisfied, in my own mind, I wish to get married, just as much as I'd take a chance on all the ties and binds that forty laws and fifty priests could put upon me.

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Save the "POKER HANDS"

A PROPHECY

By Philolo Jim

It is not given to all to prophesy. But it is perhaps given to all to wish to prophesy. Few attempt to do so; it is far more common to relate the events of the past wrongly than it is to err in those of the future. This, perhaps, is because they who wish to forecast the future fear the fate of Cassandra, or because they are afraid that their names may be associated with witches, demons, evil hags, bloody rites, and the other essentials which are present at the thought of prophesy in the mind of all who have read "Macbeth."

It is therefore with some hesitation, which marks us as only human, that we commit ourselves to prophesy. But our eyes hath seen and our mind hath understood. We bow to the will of fate and, unlike the oracles of old, seek no refuge, no chance of escape, in ambiguous utterances; "Aie Romanos Pyrrhum vincere posse" is fitting for a priestess of an ancient god; it is not so for a scribe of a modern college paper. We speak therefore plainly.

Our prognostication is that within ten years the words "thompsonist," "thompsonian," and "thompsonic" will be included in all up-to-date English dictionaries. Their origin is obvious. Their meaning will supply a much-felt want, lying between the "chauvin"-words on the one hand and the "jingo"-group on the other. Their spelling and pronunciation, it is to be hoped, will not vary greatly between the two worlds, the Old and the New. They will, we foresee, be standard current words.

This thought can not be pleasing to Mayor William Thompson of Chicago. For the democrat's name will be placed in the same category, and fulfill the same office as Earl Sandwich's, Lord Brougham's and Earl Spencer's. For the hater of all things English will add something to the range and strength of the English language. For he who perpetually speaks against the British will add that to their tongue which through all generations shall cry out against him, a bigot, not only in the British Empire, but also in his own country, also, perhaps, in other nations. All the objects of his life will be defeated in the name that he must leave after him.

Yet in there not something to envy him for in this regard. It is not without some pride that one can consider one's name as fruitful as those of the people Stentor, Thespis, Volta, Ohm, Ampere, Coulomb, Joule, Martinet, Chauvin, Rigaud, Abigail, and the towns Berlin, London, Laon, Sardis, Cologne, Sybaris, Damascus, and others. There is no more certainly effective means of perpetuating one's memory than by having one's name incorporated in the language these men spoken of above are long since gone from the world, but their names are enduring and will endure, changed perhaps beyond recognizable form, but a part of the language as long as speech lasts; the hearts of the ancient, luxurious, people of Sybaris have long since ceased to beat, and the old towers of Sardis lie shattered in the dust; yet their names are part of our living language, part of our daily speech. So whatever public buildings may rear their heads in Chicago under the mayorship of William Thompson, a more lasting monument to his deeds and character will lie in his name. He will surely find some pleasure in this type of perpetuity: it is not of the nature of man not to take some pride for being so outstanding in some way or another as to live forever in the thoughts and speech of men.

But it is after all very unlikely that he thinks at any time of this question. Bill Thompson has no time for thoughts of himself. He is too busy reading and censoring books. He is too busy prying here, and poking there, watching on this side and listening on that. He is too much engaged in the attacks which he, honestly we believe, considers it his duty, as the only one seeing them, to protect his country from. These duties, this vigilance, those labors, that activity for his country must take up so much of his time that he can have no thought for himself. He is one of those individuals who is gaining lasting fame without ever seeking to do so.

For this reason he may be compared, angry as he would be if he found it out, to Shakespeare. Shakespeare's work was not done for the laurel crown hanging before his eyes, but for the golden purse within reach of his hand. So Mayor Thompson's endeavors are not put forth to win his name a place in the English language, but to achieve some practical object. What that object is we can not say for sure, but we would like to think that he is sincere in his statements that it is the protection of his country, although we can not agree that it needs the protection he offers to give it.

Be all that as it may, long live the mayor! All the frothings and fumings he may utter against the country of his ancestors can have no more effect upon its untarnished honour than the waves of the North sea have on its rocky coast. And in the meantime he adds to the grace and range of its language. So long live the mayor!

The Pig's Eye

By H.D.S.

It was, perhaps, fortunate that I saw "Scaramouche" in the movies before seeing it on the stage. I now realize how really superior legitimate drama can be. This, despite the judgment of our local critics. It was as equally pleasing to see Moreu portrayed as Sabitini intended him, a royalist. The moving picture leaves Scaramouche a ranting demagogue, orating to the mob while his father, the Duke, covers the flight of the heroine and her father single-handed. We are moved at the gentleman's gallantry, but a trifle piqued at the hero's masterful manipulation of the great unwashed. The ending as acted on the boards is far more rational and satisfying.

It is far from my intention to attempt a criticism of Sir John Martin Harvey's players. I am neither playwright nor critic. I can say truthfully enough that I have not seen a play I liked better. And I now admire Scaramouche. After Novarro's portrayal I heartily wished the naughty old Duke had slit his throat.

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Was it not Ponce de Leon, the grand-daddy of all Florida realtors, who went on looking for a marvellous land long after his men had died and the tide had come in? I've never seen Florida, and I don't hope to, but I'm looking for a wonder land too. It's called "Collitch." Have you seen it—outside the movies, I mean? The people of that happy land are invariably handsome, careless, and unknown to classrooms. Here and there one may spy an owlish figure with long grey beard and thick-glassed spectacles. Perchance it carries a book under its arm. "Professors," the movies call them. There is also a "student" now and then for comedy relief. They are much like the professor, but beardless and somewhat younger. There may be other figures too, but they are variations of the aforementioned. The happy land is ruled over by a he-man called the Football Coach.

On the activities of this happy people I need not elaborate. A small group of them play football against a rival team, and the rest applaud vigorously. At other times, indeed at all other times, they sport about in flashy roadsters or shattered flivvers, varying the routine now and then by a dance. The females of this realm are lovely beyond comparison. Both sexes are faultlessly dressed in the garb peculiar to their kind. You have not seen them? Neither have I.

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My little suggestion about indoor games for study-weary students has apparently not gone unheeded. The other day I returned to my room to find that some playful half-wit had filled the lock with chewing gum. Fortunately it had not hardened too greatly, and I was able to unlock the door, meditating all the while upon the inventive genius of the genus Sapis Universitatis. I would suggest as a motto for this indoor sports club: Have you a little moron in your corridor?

New Guide To The University

III.—THE "MED" BUILDING

By L.L.A.

"We'll go in by the back entrance," he remarked, "it's far more picturesque, though I don't believe they run open-top observation cars through the mountains at this season."

We slithered along a slippery trail for a time, and shortly approached a wooden building constructed in what might be most accurately described as a modern Byzantine-American-baroque style. I was assured, however, that aside from its unfortunate appearance it was a most useful building, for it served to keep the professors' cars warm in winter.

Nearby was a structure with a large chimney, from which poured a heavy cloud of smoke.

"That is the power plant," said my guide. "It is here that they burn the numerous forms filled in by students during the year; it burns coal during the slack seasons."

Pursuing our way, we entered a deep defile leading through a singularly broken and desolate country; on all sides rose range after range of black hills, lightly powdered with snow.

My guide informed me that this was the coal-dump from which the plant was supplied. Near its further end we had a very narrow escape from violent death. A warning cry from my guide caused me to leap aside just in time to avoid a vast lumbering juggernaut which came sweeping around a corner. It was labelled "Penn Coal," and my guide said it was probably the vibrations caused by such things as this that introduced the high element of error into the Freshman Physics lab experiments.

Advancing more cautiously after this incident we came, before long, in sight of a doorway. Just at this moment I detected a strong odor resembling rotten eggs.

"Rotten Eggs"

"Hydrogen - sulphide," commonly known as H_2S," remarked my conductor. "The chemistry students, who occupy a portion of the Medical Building, are unable to live without a large percentage of it in the air." Possibly I was never meant to be a chemistry student, but I found that, to say the least, it gave the place a very distinctive atmosphere.

Turning to the left just inside the entrance we passed through a cloakroom and approached a doorway from which proceeded an ominous noise which to my mind resembled the sound made by someone sawing bones. I hardly dared to look in, but when I finally did so I was vastly relieved to see that it was only a "Dent" polishing up a model tooth.

We retraced our steps and, mounting some stairs we came out into what I took to be the main hall of the Medical Building.

"We had better read the notice-boards," remarked my guide, "as there are often announcements here which one never sees in the Arts Building. I suppose," he added, "it is because the boards here are less under the eye of authority."

Sky-Gazers

Since there was no one in the common-room we went along the hall and turned into room 142. It was banked all around with seats in the form of a theatre. Here I was shown a screen for the projection of lantern-slides, but its height from the floor was so great and the consequent position of one's head so strained that I was informed it often produced interesting conditions of the neck for the edification of the Medical students.

Proceeding yet further upstairs, I noted the all-pervading odor of the inevitable H_2S growing much stronger, and I resolved to trace it to its source. I was therefore much gratified to discover a room in which many students were at work with beakers and test-tubes, and from which the odor seemed to come. I was informed it was a chemistry lab. As no one took any notice of us we went in and looked about. Noting a row of cabinets running down the centre of this room I decided to investigate, and opened the door of one. I was instantly rewarded by a blast of what I had been looking for, and left the place very hurriedly, though in a somewhat unsteady manner.

Where Caution Money Goes

When I rejoined my guide by the door I was somewhat surprised to note an almost constant stream of students filing up and down stairs. Those coming up carried beakers, test tubes and what not.

"This is the way down to the storeroom where they replace broken pieces of apparatus," was my conductor's only comment.

"There really isn't a great deal more to see," he continued. "We won't bother going up to the anatomy lab; we should have to take our hats off in there anyway."

We left shortly afterwards by the front door, which in the Med Building is consecrated entirely to the god Exit.

"Well," concluded my guide, "despite the fact that you have not seemed to find the Medical Building a very cheerful spot, it is a good place after all to accommodate the overflow Arts courses, and don't forget that it is a class A medical school; We view it with pride—it and one other thing," and he strode down the road leading to the Covered Rink.

On The Feminine Perversion Of The Sweat-Shirt

Like the locust it has descended upon us. Everywhere Gabby Gerties, Rolls Rosies, Flapper Fannies and others of equal literary eminence and artistic excellence hold forth discursively, flamboyantly.

They throng the halls; straightway a queue of gallants form behind them to make out their arresting message.

In the sombre atmosphere of the Library they cause studious necks to be craned, and sober scholastic minds to go into ecstasies.

The lecture-rooms are made resplendent with them. For every word the legitimate instructor can get in, Gabby Gertie gets in ten. As for Flapper Fanny, the entire Faculty of Laws cannot repress her pedagogical ardour. Her precepts have a following greater than those of Buddha or Confucius.

Even in the test-rooms these versatile educators may be seen in all their glory. Many and many a student, his mind wandering in feverish pursuit of an elusive idea, finds himself flanked by a battery of Flapper Fannies, Gabby Gerties and Rolls Rosies, whose flamboyant discursiveness holds him spellbound, hypnotized. And when he has come out of his coma, the wraiths of the Registrar and the Freshman Committee are wafted mistily before his eyes (a sad prophetic presage of events that are to be).

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The moral, my son, is this: that whatever man does woman must do, and as she thinks do better. She flatters herself that she has a vein of originality superior to that of mere man. But witness the sweat-shirt. By man used in its fit and proper place—by woman flaunted everywhere with embellishments and adornments that cannot but do credit to her intelligence.

—SOLOMON.

Trials Of Our Statesmen

Editorial in Toronto "Varsity"

To have been abducted, shaved, paddled, pummelled and ducked in a lake was the interesting experience recently of the president of the students' association at the University of Washington (State). He might claim to be a pioneer among student statesmen in undergoing such treatment, for although at least one student editor has been bounced by this time every year, either by the faculty or the student government, the presidents of student bodies have managed generally to escape severe criticism and the personal violence that marks this particular case.

The offence of this executive seems to have been that he criticized strongly proposals and expenditures suggested by the graduate manager and alumni members of the board in control of student affairs. He carried this opposition into the columns of city newspapers and was attacked in turn by the University of Washington Daily, which either induced or reflected a considerable body of opinion against him. The official he had criticized was upheld by his colleagues on the board. The next night nine hooded men appeared and took the student president "for a ride." The ride was conducted along the lines of the French revolution in that the abductors first conducted a debate against the policies of their victim and ended by dipping him intermittently in Lake Washington, at the end of a rope.

The University of Washington Daily considered the action to have been indicative of public opinion, but opined that the method was "childish." The abduction may or may not prove that there was a majority feeling against the student leader, in our opinion, and, moreover, we have learned from watching previous disputes in other universities that we cannot gauge the general attitude by reading the newspapers. In the big universities in the States where student government has become highly organized and complete, there is always the danger of the official paper becoming the organ of a faction. The final decision in all disputes should rest in the student body, but the majority are naturally more interested in their studies and athletics than in following political sessions. They pay their fees and then by their apathy allow energetic minorities to gain control. This is an instance of where we have to decide whether the nine hooded individuals were members of an extremely eneregtic minority or the enraged representatives of the sovereign people.

The Ubyssey, one of the most enjoyable of our college exchanges, has a woman as Editor-in-Chief. This is probably the only paper of its kind in Canada that has a woman at the head of its organization.

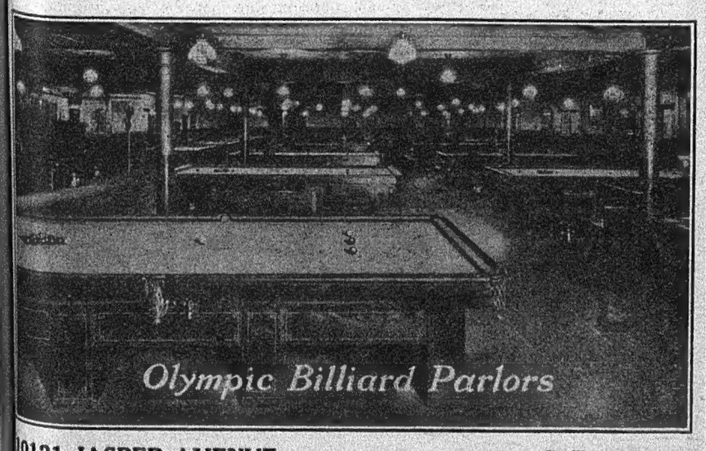
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hardest shot on the team, a hound at back-checking.

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Edith Muirhead: Fast skater, and wicked with the stick. Makes up in energy what she lacks in size.

Dorothy Caldwell: A very capable substitute; will replace Dot Stevenson and Mona Best at intervals; will certainly not spoil the effectiveness of her team-mates.

300 Per Cent. Improvement

Just cast your eyes at the cut on this page—and then read the brief account of the Varsity-Monarchs game on Tuesday last. The home girls, realizing their many weaknesses, have undergone a startling transformation in the last two or three weeks. They check and play defense like furies; they are much surer on their skates; their combination, although by no means clocklike, at any rate IS combination, compared with their former style; as for shooting—well, they shoot at every chance they get, putting considerable english on the little disc, which they now can raise much better.

The lineups:

Manitoba—Edith Thompson, goal; Bessie, Pickersgill, Lila Unkauf, defence; Mona Best, Dot Stevenson, Irene Scarth, Edith Muirhead, Dorothy Caldwell, forwards.

Alberta — Fran MacMillan, goal; Cal Ross, Mary Scoffield, defence; Dot Sproule, Betty Mahaffy, Kay Burgess, Kae Craig, Helen Higgs, Kae Campbell, forwards.

CKUA PLESENTS A VARIED PROGRAM

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presented from 3 to 4 p.m., and from 8:30 until 10:15 p.m. a farm programme, consisting of two lectures, music and the "Question Box," in which answers are given to questions sent in by farmers. The "Question Box" has become quite popular, so much so that the Edmonton Journal asked and obtained permission to print the answers in its farm weekly.

Following is an editorial printed in the Manitoba Free Press, Winnipeg, on Feb. 13, 1928:

Radio and the University

"The course for the year is laid out and it ranges from lectures on the diseases of field crops, principles of insect control, beef cattle outlook, how to make and care for hot beds, plows, their operation and adjustment, co-operative marketing, efficient winter dairy rations, feeding in relation to the ultimate bacon type, helpers to the dairy business, beekeeping, the world's fertilizer trade, to Bunyan and his pilgrim, Robert Burns, why we study classics, romance of English words, Greek idea of democracy, early history of Western Canada—in three lectures—dimensions in astronomy, etc.

Providing that the lone homesteader does not weaken, and the rhythm of the wolf's howl—or the polar bear's—does not interfere with the wave length, by the time the season is over he will be by way of achieving a university culture of no mean order. And he should be a better farmer. The difficulty of the farm home of today is not its isolation, but how to get a moment to itself, with the "local" and the "institute" to attend, the college bulletins to read and the cattle's rations to be scientifically mixed. If the farmer is not aware his is a profession, it is not the fault of the orator, the mail service and the university radio. Along its other pathway runs the sure connection of the farm and the university, and it goes on its course unlocking not only new doors in the vast halls of science, but opening also windows in millions of minds. The university of today has a new ally and the boundaries of its day are no longer physical to any degree, but conditioned only by the mentality of the receiver. The university has left her dreaming towers and becomes a house by the side of the road—perhaps she has taken her dreams with her."

FOLK SONGS GREAT EDUCATIONAL FORCE

Vocal Selections Add Much to Very Interesting Address

"Scottish Folk Song and Ballad" was the subject of a lecture given in Convocation Hall on the evening of Monday, Feb. 20th, by Mrs. May Elliot Hobbs. The address was one of a series that Mrs. Hobbs is giving in a Canadian tour under the auspices of the National Council of Education.

The lecture both in subject and treatment was of a type rarely heard in Western Canada, and unusual elsewhere. The speaker showed a keen sympathy with and appreciation of the folk-songs and ballads of Scotland. Her close touch with the natives of the border and Lowlands whose native poetry Burns and Scott first brought to light was plainly expressed. She was glad, the audience heard, to be able to say that she had been lulled to sleep in her childhood by the familiar old melodies she was now discussing.

A fact often forgotten by those who are fond of the most famous songs of Burns and Scott, she stated, is that they are really the lyrics of the people, only slightly altered by the poets. Burns alone collected nearly six hundred of these songs and was very conscientious in the task. It was occasionally necessary for him to change the words and music a little; but the songs are essentially the same. Of the many Scott collected, few, unfortunately, have not lost their airs, as he was tune deaf and could get the music written only when some one else was with him. Cecil Sharp, the great worker in this line today, has been able to rediscover many of the melodies as well as numerous fresh ballads and lyrics.

Enthusiastic in her praise of Cecil Sharp, Mrs. Hobbs emphasized the fact that his main aim in collecting the songs was that the people might sing them.

"These," she asserted, "are the simple elements out of which great creative art is produced. It is these simple folk-songs that contain all the material from which great genius may arise. They are melodic rather than harmonic, and the melodies are of great variety. Their rythm has also a tremendous range." So that if put into a group of selections of an accredited music master they would fit in with the rest.

The effect of these lyrics and ballads in modern music, the speaker showed to be profound. Their rediscovery has given a new impetus to English music and has made it genuinely national. Since the time of Purcell till quite recently, the music of England has always been some part of a continental school. That of the present day is, however, thanks to the reviving interest in these songs and ballads, an indigenous product.

SEEN AT THE HOUSE DANCE

The doors to the upper gym flying open before the crowd.

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Mr. A. S. Galbraith for the house committee apologizing to the assembly for the lateness of the opening.

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An improvised orchestra, consisting of S. White, H. Newlove, H. O'Brien, P. S. Weisbrod and H. Draney, successfully attempting to take the place of the regular orchestra, by whose failure to appear the lateness of the opening is explained and excused.

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G. Stewart looking hungrily at a glass of water, but nobly resisting the temptation.

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V. Allen, E. M. Jones, J. Hawkins, and other shieks waiting in the middle of the hall during a tag for the right time, right nerve, and right partner.

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A pair of wide-bottom trousers being carried rapidly around in various intricate cavortions.

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G. Stanley and H. Tarver supporting the north wall of the room—and many other young men assisting.

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The doors of the upper gym closing and the crowd departing.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Prof. A. J. Cook, of the Department of Mathematics, will speak at the next Sunday service in Convocation Hall at 11 a.m., Feb. 26th. The anthem, to be rendered by the choir, is "Motet" by Mendelssohn.

THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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change in the constitution must be dealt with by the Union.

Thus finding that for any matter which is not distinctly of routine business or of indoor management there could be no step forward, the Students' Council have considered for some time that a change was necessary from the present form of student government (not "self"-government, which was never the intention of the draughtsman of the constitution, Mr. J. D. O. Mothersill, and which is of necessity impossible). As to what type of government should be substituted, many conflicting opinions have been expressed not only in the Council, but elsewhere as well; some suggesting that our present form of student government be abolished and no other substituted therefor, in other words, let the students and the University "stew in their own juice"; others wish to follow the "laissez faire" doctrine of leaving things as they are, while a third group is desirous of establishing a representative form of government.

The latter type is the one which is advocated by the Students' Council, and while that in itself may, in view of many of the adverse opinions expressed of that body by many composing the four classes of students mentioned, condemn it at first blush; yet it must be considered that the Students' Council is the elected unit of that body, and one which has, as such, considered this question carefully as a result of the general trend for several years towards a lack of continuity in the student body culminating in the situation existent this year.

As to just how this form should be worked out is a question upon which the Council has been, because of its size and unwieldiness (being composed of 18 members), unable to decide, so that the following resolution was introduced into the Union:

That a committee of five be elected by this Union to investigate the question of student government along the lines of a representative type of government as distinguished from our present system, and that this committee bring in a report at an early date to be passed or rejected in toto by this Union.

Among others the following are a few of the aspects that must be considered by such a committee.

Firstly: Whether complete legislative and executive powers should rest in a representative council of between 15 and 25.

Secondly: Whether the legislative power alone remain in this body and a small body of not more than seven compose the executive and chosen by the President from the Council or elected by that body.

Thirdly: That this representative Council have both legatlative and executive powers, with the residue of power in the student body by way of such means as a referendum on matters of very great importance.

Fourthly: That representatives at large be elected from the various faculties either by the faculties or by the students generally by direct vote or by proportional representation. These to be elected with an equal number from each faculty or pro rata to the numerical strength of those faculties, and these faculty representatives to supplement those elected to hold certain definite student offices.

These are some of the problems that face such a committee, and are of sufficient controversial nature as to necessitate a committee which is carefully chosen, with the interests of student government at heart, because of the many difficulties which must confront it when the question of a permanent change in the essentials of our constitution is to be their work. Such a task is clearly not one that can be completed within a very short period of time, but will necessitate much cogitation and discussion before a final solution can be reached.

SHIRLEY G. MacDONALD.

CLASSICISM ONE PHASE OF WRITING

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finement, and among her regular visitors were the cream from all walks of life. Elegance and distinction of speech and manners were attributes sought by all.

In conclusion, Professor Macdonald mentioned other more recent French authors of note, and alluded to the continued growth of culture among the intellegentsia. "In a study of French classicism," he said, "we find a perfect and complete record of the history of the French people."

Dr. Coar briefly thanked the speaker for his illuminating address, and expressed the hope that on some future occasion the students and staff of this university may again have the pleasure of hearing him speak.

NOTICE

The last of the Monday afternoon recitals will be given on Monday, the 27th Feb. At this recital a number of request numbers will be played, including Largo of the New World Symphony, Solveg's Song, Minuet from the Concerto for Oboe, The Bee, The Little Shepherd, Adagio from Sonata Pathetique, Andante Cantabile and others. Doors will be closed between numbers.

Halifax, N.S. — Hon. R. B. Bennett, Conservative leader, has opened the fund to endow the lectureship of the Weldon chair at Dalhousie University law school with a donation of $25,000, it was announced last week by R. B. Murray, K.C., president of the Nova Scotia Bar.

IMPORTANT

The Year Book is rapidly rounding into shape, but there are still a few pictures wanting. If these are not available by February 29th, it will be too late to include them in the book—this is definitely the last chance to get your likeness in this Annual—prompt action is essential. To those who have had pictures taken at McDermids it is necessary that you order a print for the E.G.G., otherwise it will not be in the class layout. To others desirous of using last year's picture, order a print from the studio at once.

The sale of books to date has fallen short of the number estimated. Therefore if you are planning to get a book this year, order one at once. Besides being a book that anyone will be proud to own, your subscription is necessary if the present high standard is to be maintained.

MARITIMERS DEFEAT ALBERTA IN DEBATE ON COLLEGE SPORT

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a good citizen. In the end, Mr. Fulton concluded, the athlete makes a better person than the grind.

R. Martland

Ronald Martland closed the case for Alberta. His position, he said, had been made clear by his leader, and he felt that the negative was taking a very narrow view of the subject. Sport should be merely a means of relaxation, and "if we provide sufficient facility to permit those who so wish to take part in sport we have fulfilled the requirements." Mr. Martland deplored the growing commercialization of sport as an evidence of excess, and pointed out the tendency to commercialize university sport in Canada. "Sport," he said, "is only justified in so far as it provides relaxation for the students." Hence when the field of intercollegiate sports was touched upon it would be found to constitute an excess.

E. M. Howse

Ernest M. Howse, of Dalhousie University, in closing the case for the negative, thanked his opponents for having furnished a very interesting evening. He stated emphatically that the Carnegie foundation in its definition of sports included neither necking nor dancing, but just athletics. "'The aim of all education is complete living,' according to H. Spencer, and we have to see whether sport can make any contribution to that subject. Apparently it does, for, continued Mr. Howse, "we may consider sport as a vital and integral part of our education"; we are continually growing too soft in our civilization, and we require something in the way of athletics to keep us in condition. "If every last student was an athlete in good condition, our education would probably benefit," he continued, and "because we can list a few men who have become pedants can we say education has been carried to excess?" Neither, therefore, may we say sports has been carried to excess merely because some have participated in athletics to the detriment of their academic work.

Rebuttal

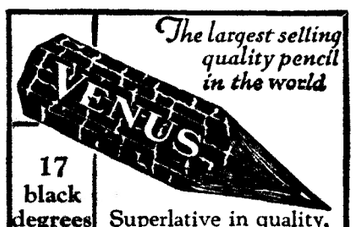
Mr. Paul, in his rebuttal, stated that while he had heard many methods of debate he had encountered none quite like those of the affirmative. The original interpretation of the resolution, he said, included only athletics.

Mr. Anderson then made his rebuttal for the affirmative. This debate, he felt, had been conducted in a manner opposite to that practiced in most debates; for the negative had developed the case and tried to tell the affirmative what to do.

While the judges, H. H. Parlee, K.C., Mayor A. U. G. Bury, and Hon. Mr. Justice Ford, were making a decision, a violin duet was rendered by two students. Following this Dr. Alexander received and announced the votes of the judges giving a unanimous decision to the negative side of the debate, and on behalf of the audience extended felicitations to the winners.

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